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Applicant : Aladar Szalay *et al.*　　　　Art Unit : 1633
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Filed　　 : June 27, 2005　　　　　　 Cust. No. : 20985
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Title　　 : LIGHT-EMITTING MICROORGANISMS AND CELLS FOR DIAGNOSIS
　　　　　 AND THERAPY OF DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH WOUNDED OR
　　　　　 INFLAMED TISSUE

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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

　　Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2007, setting forth a requirement for restriction and an election, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, claims 1, 3-11, drawn to a method comprising administering a detectable microorganism or cell to a subject for detection of a wound, wounded tissue or inflamed tissue or a disease associated therewith and monitoring the subject for detection of the microorganism or cell, whereby the wounded or inflamed tissue is detected. Applicant further elects species in which the detectable molecule is a protein that induces a signal detectable by magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), the microorganism or cell is a bacterium, the bacterium is *E. coli*, and the disease is an atherosclerotic disease. Pending claims 1-7, 9, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20-22 read on the elected species. Preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

　　Amendments to the claims are set forth in the Listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper

　　Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.